

and Jo Ann Davidson, the Institute is focused on fulfilling three critical goals: introduce students to the tools they need to succeed as leaders, teach students to adapt their leadership skills to government and politics, and inspire students to define their own political aspirations.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Class Members Nancy Nix, Concepcion Reyna, Laverne Jones Gore, Judy Sonner, Lorri Bates, Michelle Griffiths, Marsha Hall, Suzanne McLeod, Lora Miller, Holly Pendell, Chris Pirik, Julia Stautberg, Shannon Donnelly, Jennifer Chesrown, Billie Fiore, Angie King and Stephanie Elliott Hess for their successful matriculation. As new Members of the Institute they are in a unique position to serve as resources for each other and mentors to a new generation of Republican women. We wish them the best of luck in their endeavors and their continued public service.

HONORING JUDGE JOHN CONOVER

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today on behalf of the Baden Powell District of the Tall Pine Council, Boy Scouts of America. On May 13, friends and family will join the Davison, Michigan Area Good Scout Committee to honor 67th District Court Judge John L. Conover, the 2003 recipient of the Davison Good Scout Award.

John Conover was born in Danville, Illinois, and later moved to Davison with his wife Karen, where they have been upstanding members of the area for over 30 years. As 67th District Court Judge for more than ten years, Judge Conover has presided over many felony matters, criminal and traffic cases, and civil and small claims issues. His courts have resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in delinquent fines and costs collected, and his courtroom has been a favorite field trip and first-hand civics lesson for many teachers and students.

Judge Conover's success on the bench is matched and complemented by his unparalleled commitment to community service. An active supporter of the DARE program, John is frequently called on to address elementary and middle school DARE graduations throughout the county, and sponsors the DARE homecoming float in area parades. He also speaks to many students on the dangers and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse. In addition, he has founded and directs a program for youth offenders needing guidance in correcting their behavior. His dedication to helping the next generation goes so far that he will often place young people on probation to himself so he may personally mentor them and steer them on the right track.

John has sponsored and sometimes coaches area sports teams, from T-ball to bowling leagues. He not only teaches the fundamentals of the sport, he stresses sportsmanship, and provides lessons his teams are able to use in their everyday life. Each day he serves as a positive role model and shining example of the best our society has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, Judge John Conover is being recognized for his dedication, unselfishness,

and commitment to the Davison community, and for truly exemplifying the traditions of scouting. He is a symbol of excellence not only to Scouts, but to everyone he comes into contact with, and I am honored to call him my colleague and my friend. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Judge John L. Conover.

TRIBUTE TO JACK CONNORS, JR.

HON. MARTIN T. MEEHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Connors, Jr., founding partner, Chairman and CEO, and all of the employees at Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolos, Inc. on 35 years of excellence in the advertising and communications business.

Thirty-five years ago today, May 13, 1968, Jack Connors and his three partners, Jay Hill, Alan Holliday and Steve Cosmopolos, officially opened Hill, Holliday, Connors, Cosmopolos, Inc. for business. With 1,500 square feet of office space on the top floor of 143 Newbury Street in Boston's Back Bay, the business had no clients and no billings, and in the early going, the four partners used an outside pay phone to make calls to prospects.

Today, Hill Holliday is a nationally recognized advertising agency that produces internationally-acclaimed creative work, and is widely recognized as one of Boston's most successful businesses. Hill Holliday's list of clients includes some of the biggest and most well-known brands in the world including Anheuser-Busch, John Hancock Financial Services, FleetBoston Financial, Dunkin' Donuts, CVS Pharmacy, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Verizon Wireless, and The Boston Globe.

While leading Hill Holliday from a one-room shop to a national force is impressive, Jack's commitment to serving his community is what makes him and Hill Holliday extraordinary. Jack has used the talent and resources of Hill Holliday to make a difference in the Greater Boston community through pro bono work for dozens of non-profit and charitable organizations. Under Jack's direction, Hill Holliday donated more than \$1 million in cash and \$4.5 million in in-kind services to various community-based organizations last year.

Over the past 2 years, our nation has become far too familiar with the unethical and corrupt dealings of some in the business world. Today, I rise to congratulate Jack Connors and Hill Holliday on 35 years of success and for setting a positive example that future generations of American businessmen and women should follow.

HONORING GREGORY CAMPBELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to recognize the accomplishments of a man who has made it his life's work to protect and defend human dignity, and to ensure the safety of our streets for our citizens

and our children. On May 16, friends and family will join the Police Memorial Association-Michigan to honor the career of Trooper Gregory Campbell, who is retiring after 25 years in law enforcement.

Gregory Campbell was born March 27, 1954 in Philadelphia. He later moved to Michigan, where he graduated in 1975 from the University of Detroit. Three years later, he graduated from the Academy as a member of the 93rd Recruit School, and began his career with the Michigan State Police. Originally assigned to the Post in my hometown of Flint, MI, he remained there for three years. He later worked in Detroit and Bridgeport, and returned to Flint in 1992, where he remained. During that time, Trooper Campbell served as a Post Representative in Detroit and Flint, and in 1999 served as 3rd District Representative, a position he held until his retirement.

Through the years, Trooper Campbell has constantly put his own safety at risk in order to keep others from harm, however he has always found time to be a devoted husband and father of two sons, and a faithful community volunteer. He has been recognized many times for his civic work, such as being named the 1993 City of Flint's Man of the Year, Flint Kiwanis Exchange Club Officer of the Year in 1994, and most recently, the Police Memorial Association's Community Service Award in 2002 and their Princess Program Award for Community Service with the Youth this year.

Mr. Speaker, many people in the Flint area, myself included, have benefited greatly from Gregory Campbell's experience and dedication. He has truly made Genesee County a safer place in which to live. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to join me in congratulating him for his unwavering commitment to justice, and wishing him the best in his retirement.

A TRIBUTE TO HENRY "HANK" CARTER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Henry "Hank" Carter in recognition of his dedication to improving the care for the disabled population and ensuring their access to wide ranging opportunities in his communities.

In 1972, Hank Carter founded Wheelchair Charities, Inc. Hank's lifelong commitment to improving the lives of disabled people began when his best friend, Tjader, became disabled from a bullet that shattered Tjader's spinal cord. Hank's friend was sent to Goldwater Memorial Hospital to recuperate through a rehabilitation program where Hank often visited him and in the process, made new friends. Through his daily visits to the hospital, Hank came to realize that his friends, although physically challenged, still longed for their American Dream. These young patients, many in their teens and early twenties, wanted to participate in the same type of daily activities in which able bodied people engaged. Hank knew this would be impossible without financial support.

Creating a financial support system to enhance the quality of life for his new friends quickly became his passion. As a young leader in Queens Bridge Houses, Hank organized

playground sports; musical shows and block activities. His crowning achievement has been an annual neighborhood fundraising basketball tournament to help support activities for inpatients and outpatients of Goldwater Memorial. Today, the Wheelchair Basketball Clinic is a citywide competition with a boys and girls division.

These neighborhood tournaments provided the foundation for Wheelchair Charities, Inc. Over the years, this non-profit, all volunteer organization has raised over \$7 million for people with disabilities. Some of the items that the funds have paid for include 184 motorized wheelchairs; 20 manual wheel chairs for the wheelchair basketball teams; three buses to transport wheelchair bound patients; a computer laboratory; and an equipment room.

Mr. Speaker, Hank Carter is committed to improving the lives of the disabled population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

HONORING LINDEN CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to rise before you today on behalf of the citizens of Linden, MI. On May 19, friends and family will join community and business leaders to honor Ms. Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Ms. Judy Pieczynski as the 2003 Linden Citizens of the Year.

Jean Sarginson-DeMayer was appointed to the Linden City Council in December 1996, after she moved to Linden from my hometown of Flint, where she worked for 25 years as a supervisor for the City of Flint. She was subsequently reelected to two more terms, where she also served as the city's representative on the Grace Loose Senior Citizen Center executive board.

Judy Pieczynski has been a resident of Linden since 1983. A local business owner for 26 years, Judy served on the Linden Charter Commission and was elected one of Linden's first Councilors when it became a city in 1988. She has served on the Council ever since, and is a member of such groups as Zonta, and the Linden-Argentine Chamber of Commerce.

As members of the Linden City Council, both Jean and Judy have worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote, protect, enhance, and defend the quality of life for their constituents, which include their wonderful families. Their civic loyalty and dedication to improving their community serves as a shining example of the best our society has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, after decades of public service, both Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski have decided to not seek reelection to the Linden City Council, following the end of their respective terms. For many years, the residents of Linden have benefitted from their insight and wisdom, and they are truly deserving of being named Citizens of the Year. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in congratulating Jean Sarginson-DeMayer and Judy Pieczynski.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNESTA G. PROCOPE

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ernesta Bowman in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the company she founded and for her commitment to providing financial services to underserved communities.

Ernesta G. Procope, formerly Ernesta Bowman founded E.G. Bowman Co. Inc., a commercial insurance brokerage firm, in the early 1950s soon after the death of her first husband. The company began as a homeowners and auto insurance agency in front of a storefront in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. It is now grown to be a large commercial lines brokerage on Wall Street and the largest minority-owned and woman-owned insurance brokerage firm in the U.S., celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Procope is still the CEO and president of the agency.

In addition to servicing churches, colleges and social agencies, the firm's clients have included several of the Fortune 500 companies such as Tiffany & Co., Avon Products, American Express, IBM, Philip Morris, PepsiCo Inc. and General Motors. Among Bowman and its president's notable achievements include fighting to implement the New York State Property Fair Plan, which created an insurance pool to cover properties in previously redlined areas, and winning a bid solicited by the U.S. Information Agency to write insurance worldwide for Fulbright Scholars. The firm also became the insurance broker of record for the U.S. portion of the Alaskan Pipeline.

Procope was named Woman of the Year by former First Lady Patricia Nixon in 1972 and was also appointed Special Ambassador to The Gambia by President Ford. Often referred to as the First Lady of Wall Street, Procope has been recognized by Business Insurance magazine as one of the 100 leading women in the insurance industry and by Crain's as one of the 100 Leading Women in business. Procope holds honorary doctor of law degrees from Howard University, Adelphi, Marymount Manhattan College and a doctor of humane letters from Morgan State University.

Mr. Speaker, Ernesta G. Procope has served an exemplary role model for women and minorities in the business world and has worked to ensure that all communities are treated fairly by insurance firms. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable woman.

HONORING FLINT NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today on behalf of the students, faculty, and alumni of Northern High School in my hometown of Flint, Michigan. This week Flint Northern will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

On January 30, 1928, Flint Northern High School was established as the city's second high school, located on McClellan Street on the city's north side. In the early years, many of the school's population came from immigrant children, whose families had come to the New World to find work in the city's booming auto industry. In the fall of 1971, the school was replaced by a new building on Mackin Road, where it stands to this day, providing opportunities for students of all races and walks of life to obtain the knowledge and skills needed to survive and succeed, and to become positive, contributing members of society.

For the past 75 years, Northern High has maintained a tradition of academic and athletic excellence, as well as alumni loyalty. The Northern Vikings have won 38 state Championships, bringing athletic honors back to their city and their school. It is estimated that Viking athletes have competed in more Class A Regional and District State and City tournaments in men's and women's sports than any other school in the State of Michigan. Vikings have also excelled in other competitive areas such as Speech, Debate, Music, and Choir, to name a few.

In 1987, a group of Northern graduates, seeking to preserve the accomplishments of past and present alumni, and to further instill school pride, created the Distinguished Alumni Program of Flint Northern. This program, the first known of its kind around the nation, raises scholarship funds and honors those graduates who have gone on to excel in professions such as Medicine, Law, Education, and Military Service, among many others. The school's Viking Room is decorated with photos of 82 such alumni from throughout the country. As of this date, the Alumni Club Endowment Fund has provided 503 scholarships, totaling more than \$300,000. This year, 35 members of the Class of 2003 will benefit from these scholarships.

Mr. Speaker, as a former teacher, I applaud the many men and women who have helped Flint Northern High School set the highest standards of scholastic success for 75 years. I ask my colleagues in the 108th Congress to please join me in commending the efforts of Northern's alumni, and wishing their future alumni the best in all their endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO STEVE HORN

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 13, 2003

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor our former colleague Congressman Stephen Horn and his wife, Nini upon the occasion of tomorrow's dedication of the Steve and Nini Horn Center at California State University Long Beach.

As a member of Congress for 10 years and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, Steve distinguished himself in Congress by improving accountability and management practices in the federal government. Each year, the Debt Collection Improvement Act and the Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996 that Steve authored save the taxpayer millions of dollars.